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**BY ECF**

The Honorable John F. Keenan  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**MEMO ENDORSED**

**Re: *United States v. Michael Campbell*, 16 Cv. 5080 (JFK); 11 Cr. 912 (JFK)**

Dear Judge Keenan:

By Order dated June 9, 2020, with the consent of the defendant, this Court granted a three-month stay in the above-captioned habeas proceedings, pending resolution of the potentially relevant appeal in *United States v. Darren Morris*, Dkt. No. 16-6. (See Dkt. No. 334). The Court further directed the parties to file a joint status letter with the Court no later than September 14, 2020.

The *Morris* appeal—which is fully briefed and was argued before the Second Circuit on June 25, 2020—remains pending before the Second Circuit. Because the exact issue presented in this case is likely to be decided by the Second Circuit in the *Morris* appeal, the Government seeks a further stay of the instant habeas proceedings. The prospect of a Second Circuit decision bearing on the merits of the defendant's claims weighs in favor of a continued stay. See *Wang v. United States*, No. 13-CV-3524 DLI, 2015 WL 1966465, at \*2 (E.D.N.Y. Apr. 30, 2015) (staying habeas proceedings pending the disposition of a Supreme Court case involving "the same question of law," in the interest of "judicial economy"); see also *Louis Vuitton Malletier S.A. v. LY USA, Inc.*, 676 F.3d 83, 96 (2d Cir. 2012) ("[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants." (quoting *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936))).


Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests that the instant 2255 petition remain stayed pending the Second Circuit's decision in *Morris*. I have conferred with Barry Leiwant, Esq., counsel for the defendant, who has informed me that he consents to this application. The

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Government further respectfully requests that the Court set a deadline for a status update letter from the parties in approximately three months' time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Defense counsel having no objection, the Government's request to continue the stay pending resolution of potentially relevant cases before the Second Circuit is GRANTED. The parties shall file a joint status update by no later than January 4, 2021.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York  
September 29, 2020

  
John F. Keenan  
United States District Judge